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Wendy L. Doty, Ed.D  
Superintendent  
Downey Unified School District  
11627 Brookshire Ave.  
Downey, CA 90241

Dear Dr. Doty,

Thank you for meeting with staff from the Department of Public Health (DPH) to discuss the recent tuberculosis (TB) investigations related to Downey High School and Downey Adult School. It is important to ensure that there is a good line of communication between Downey Unified School District (DUSD) and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACPHD). Your feedback is extremely beneficial and we appreciate your efforts to assist us in better understanding the issues that school district's experience in an emergency situation.

Per the discussion in the meeting, going forward, any contact by DPH staff within DUSD will be initiated through your office as Superintendent. Conversely, in the event you need to contact DPH, your primary point of contact is:

Silvia Prieto, M.D., M.P.H.  
Area Health Officer  
Whittier Health Center  
7643 S. Painter Ave  
Whittier, CA 90602  
Office: 562-464-5408  
Email: [sprieto@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:sprieto@ph.lacounty.gov)

If you are not able to contact Dr. Prieto, you can also contact:

Deborah Davenport, RN, MSPA  
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We would like to set up periodic meetings with DUSD and the City of Downey to review any ongoing issues and discuss how DPH can work with you and the City on mutual health concerns or response protocols. I have asked Dr. Prieto to contact Richard Espinosa and Andrea Avila of the Fourth Supervisorial District office to help coordinate these meetings with your office and the Office of the Mayor.

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Additionally, as was mentioned in the meeting, DPH has updated its TB testing policy for schools. In order to ensure you receive a copy of the new policy and relevant documents, a DPH Community Liaison staff member will deliver the packet to your office.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to meet with my staff. We look forward to forging a stronger relationship with your District and the City of Downey.

Sincerely,



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Director and Health Officer

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